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Annual Report

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For the Year Ending

December 31, 2005

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR – 2 YEARS

Hampton Howard	Term Expires 2006
Rory Goff, Deputy	Appointed

SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS

Carl F. Newton, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Chester S. Bowles	Term Expires 2008
Donald W. Burgess	Term Expires 2007

SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT

Will Fenno	Appointed

TOWN CLERK – 1 YEAR

Mary Ellen Bushnell	Term Expires 2006
Robert Lambert, Deputy	Appointed

TREASURER – 1 YEAR

Joella M. Hutchinson	Term Expires 2006

TAX COLLECTOR

Sally Dermody	Appointed
Mary Ellen Bushnell, Deputy	Appointed

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS

Patricia Jacobson	Term Expires 2007
John MacEachran	Term Expires 2008
Kenton Young, Interim	Term Expires 2006

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS

Susan Bowles	Term Expires 2006
Elizabeth MacEachran	Term Expires 2011
Virginia Ogren	Term Expires 2008

PLANNING BOARD – APPOINTED

Ronald Como, Chairman	Term Expires 2007
Mary Ellen Bushnell	Term Expires 2007
Mitchell Call	Term Expires 2008
Will Fenno	Term Expires 2006
Mark Fernald	Term Expires 2008

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTED

Richard Dufresne, Chairman	Term Expires 2008
Diane Callahan	Term Expires 2008
Harry Dermody	Term Expires 2008
Beth Fernald	Term Expires 2007
James Martens	Term Expires 2007

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – APPOINTED

Elizabeth LaRose, Chairman	Term Expires 2006
Cheryl Cahill	Term Expires 2007
Kenneth Callahan	Term Expires 2007
Selinda Chiquoine	Term Expires 2006
Karen DeBonis	Term Expires 2007
Donald Hart	Term Expires 2007
John MacEachran	Term Expires 2007

HEALTH OFFICER – APPOINTED

John MacEachran, M.D.

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE – APPOINTED

Donald Hart

ROAD AGENT – APPOINTED

Peter Paris

BUILDING SITE INSPECTOR – APPOINTED

Timothy Groesbeck

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – 3 YEARS

Kenton Young	Term Expires 2006

FOREST FIRE WARDENS – APPOINTED

Kenneth Callahan	Francis Guptill, Deputy
Peter Paris, Deputy	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR – APPOINTED

Barry Rhodes

TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE – APPOINTED

Richard Dufresne, Moderator (2004, '05)	Selinda Chiquoine (2004)
Chester S. Bowles (2004, '05)	Rory Goff (2004, '05)
Susan Bowles (2004, '05)	James Martens (2005)
Donald W. Burgess (2005)	Carl F. Newton (2004, '05)
Mary Ellen Bushnell (2005)	Jack Ogren (2005)
Mitchell Call (2004)	Donald Sullivan (2004)

TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sharon Arts Center in said Town on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 11:00 in the forenoon to ballot for Town Officers, and other questions required by law to be decided by ballot. The polls will be closed at 7:00 PM. The business meeting will start at 7:30 PM on the same date at the Sharon Arts Center.

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $425,000 for the construction and equipping of a municipal building; up to $335,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said notes and to determine the rate of interest thereof; to authorize the withdrawal of $90,000 from the Town Office Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose; and to authorize the selectmen to take any other action on or to pass any other vote relative thereto? The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	$1,500 per year
Selectmen's Assistant	$15 per hour
Town Clerk	$2,500 per year plus fees and $10 per hour for elections
Deputy Town Clerk	$600 per year
Collector of Taxes	$2,500 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes	$600 per year
Treasurer	$1,500 per year
Trustees of Trust Funds	$50 per year
Moderator	$40 per session
Deputy Moderator	$10 per hour

Supervisors of the Checklist	$10 per hour
Fire Warden	$100 per year
Building Site Inspector	$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	$500 per year
Emergency Management Director for preparation of Emergency Operations Plan	$25 per hour, not to exceed $2,000

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive	16,000
4140	Election and Registration	8,000
4150	Financial Administration	20,000
4153	Legal Expenses	4,000
4191	Planning and Zoning	4,000
4194	General Government Building	3,000
4195	Cemeteries	1,000
4196	Insurance	1,500
4215	Ambulance	1,153
4220	Fire and Rescue	29,241
4240	Building Site Inspection	450
4290	Emergency Management	900
4300	Highways	62,000
4316	Street Lighting	275
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	31,565
4411	Health Administration	200
4414	Animal Control	100
4441	Welfare	3,000
4550	Library	4,800
4619	Conservation Commission	800
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	300

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $518 for Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $460 for Monadnock Family Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter, Account 4441, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,950 for appraisal services including general assessing, data verification and statistical update, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,400 to be placed in the Assessment Reserve Fund Account 4913.5 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund 4913.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,593 to be paid to the Town of Peterborough for providing Police Emergency Services for the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to modify the net income and asset limits for elderly exemptions from property tax based on assessed value, as authorized by RSA 72:39-b, for qualified taxpayers per RSA 72:39-a, as follows:

Net income limit for a single person	$ 28,000
Combined net income limit for married persons	$ 45,000
Net asset limit excluding the value of the person's residence	$100,000;

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be placed in the Town Office Building Fund, Account 4913.1 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article if Article 1 fails to pass.

ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seals at said Sharon, this 27th day of February, 2006.

Carl F. Newton | Chester S. Bowles | Donald W. Burgess

SELECTMEN OF SHARON

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: SHARON

ppropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2006 **to December 31,** 2006

or Fiscal Year From _____ **to** _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

his form was posted with the warrant on (Date): February 27, 2006

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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MS-6 Budget - Town/City of SHARON FY 2006

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	4	16,000	13,958	16,000	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	4	8,000	6,882	8,000	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	4	20,000	17,691	20,000	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense	4	4,000	1,034	4,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	4	4,000	906	4,000	
4194	General Government Buildings	4	2,400	1,489	3,000	
4195	Cemeteries	4	1,500	138	1,000	
4196	Insurance	4	1,500	1,268	1,500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Other General Government					
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police					
4215-4219	Ambulance	4	1,311	1,311	1,153	
4220-4229	Fire	4	28,758	29,241	29,241	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4	300	225	450	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	4	750	645	900	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	4	9,000	10,641	9,000	
4312	Highways & Streets	4	78,362	96,676	53,000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	4	275	255	275	
4319	Other					
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	4	25,000	26,750	31,565	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	4	200	0	200	
4414	Pest Control	4	100	0	100	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	4	3,000	0	3,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library	4	4,800	4,200	4,800	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation	4	845	672	800	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	4	300	0	300	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	9,10,13	57,400	57,400	42,400	
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
	SUBTOTAL 1		267,801	271,382	234,684	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserv e funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the w arrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4913	Assessment Res. Fund	9	2,400	2,400	2,400	
4913	Road Repair Fund	10	5,000	5,000	10,000	
4913	Town Building Fund	13	30,000	30,000	30,000	
	Town Building Note	1			425,000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	467,400	XXXXXXXXX

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special w arrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature y ou wish to address individually.

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4415	Health Agencies	5,6	978	978	978	
	& Hospitals					
4441	Welfare Admin. &	7	200	200	200	
	Direct Assist.					
4150	Assessing	8	3,950	3,687	3,950	
4210	Police	11	15,863	11,850	30,593	
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	35,721	XXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		15,180	11,689	7,700
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		3,000	513	1,500
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		58,000	64,126	61,000
3230	Building Permits		300	225	450
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2,700	3,579	3,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		7,660	3,386	4,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		12,000	14,943	13,500
3353	Highway Block Grant		18,623	18,623	18,115
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		123	123	123
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments				
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		2,700	5,780	4,000
3503-3509	Other		1,000	7,863	1,000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		15,500	43,049	90,000
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	1			425,000
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		136,886	174,159	629,588

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	239,439	234,684
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	657,400	467,400
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	49,353	35,721
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	946,192	737,805
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	736,763	629,588
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	209,429	108,217

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SHARON Year Ending 2005

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	36,422.40		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx			
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx			
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx			
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx			
		xxxxxx			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	801,445.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180		
Land Use Change	#3120	17,240.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	14,607.07	
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187		
Utility Charges	#3189		

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	4,177.00	4,183.22		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120		7,560.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	357.71	1,163.38		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 837,826.78	$ 49,329.00	$	$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SHARON Year Ending 2005

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year 2005	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 2004		
Property Taxes	754,641.76	22,207.37		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	17,240.00			
Yield Taxes	11,688.75			
Interest (include lien conversion)	357.71	1,163.38		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		14,081.03		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	4,177.00	4,183.22		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change		7,560.00		
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	46,803.24	134.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	2,918.32			
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 837,826.78	$ 49,329.00	$	$

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of SHARON Year Ending 2005

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2004	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year				
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	14,992.37			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	629.26			
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 15,621.63	$	$	$

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2004	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions		1,321.74			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	629.26			
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	13,670.63			
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 15,621.63	$	$	$

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Sally Dermody DATE 1/30/06

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Report of Trustees of Trust Funds 2005

WIRLING GREGG FUND	$288.65
NEWTON FAMILY CEM	$148.45
ROYCE CEMETERY	$291.06
BACON CEMETERY	$578.04
JOHN B. SHEDD CEM	$437.80
WAITE E. WILSON	$478.24
FLOSSIE E. WILSON	$478.24
EDITH WILSON	$759.90
D&C WILSON CEMETERY	$122.16
ELLEN A. WILSON	$578.85
KENTON M. YOUNG CEM	$578.27
G&MR WILSON CEMETERY	$120.82
TAYLOR FAMILY CEM	$378.53
KEENE FAMILY CEM	$378.53
DONAWAY FAMILY TRUST	$343.79
WILSON FUND (MCCOY)	$8,037.70
WILSON FUND(JARMANY)	$6,358.84
WM YOUNG-SCHOOLHOUSE	$2,836.48
WILSON II FUND	$43,289.36
CLOSED	$0.00
REASSESSMENT ACCOUNT	$0.00
MUNICIPAL BLDG.FUND	$91,713.36
BRIDGE RESERVE	$42,748.55
ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	$10,672.46
HIGHWAY STORAGE BLDG FUND	$41,697.29
ASSESSMENT RESERVE FUND	$2,458.72
	$255,774.09

The Trustees of the Trust Funds on 12/31/06 are:
Patricia Jacobson
Ken Young
John MacEachran
The Trustees meet twice a year , the first Thursday in April and October and at other times as required. The trustees manage the town's trust funds with primary importance given to preservation of principal. All funds managed by the trustees are invested with The N. H. PDIP, a fund set up to manage municipal funds in N. H. They invest in safe, short term bonds and other interest bearing instruments. Current interest rates paid are 3.97%. The table on the left summarizes the balances in all accounts on 1/25/06.
The table below summarizes all non interest transactions for the year 2005.

Trans Date	Posted Date	Account	Amount	Type
03/15/2005	03/15/2005	MUNICIPAL BLDG.FUND	$5,466.51	Wire/Transfer WITHDRAWAL
05/04/2005	05/04/2005	MUNICIPAL BLDG.FUND	$30,000.00	CONTRIBUTION
05/04/2005	05/04/2005	BRIDGE RESERVE	$10,000.00	CONTRIBUTION
05/04/2005	05/04/2005	ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	$5,000.00	CONTRIBUTION
05/04/2005	05/04/2005	HIGHWAY STORAGE BLDG FUND	$10,000.00	CONTRIBUTION
05/04/2005	05/04/2005	ASSESSMENT RESERVE FUND	$2,400.00	CONTRIBUTION
08/01/2005	08/01/2005	ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE	$10,000.00	WITHDRAWAL
10/07/2005	10/07/2005	MUNICIPAL BLDG.FUND	$9,058.37	WITHDRAWAL
12/05/2005	12/05/2005	BRIDGE RESERVE	$9,500.00	WITHDRAWAL
12/19/2005	12/19/2005	MUNICIPAL BLDG.FUND	$9,024.22	WITHDRAWAL

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2005 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United Stated of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

February 20, 2006

Part III **GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET** - *Please specify the period* -

As of December 31, 2005 OR June 30, 200__

A. ASSETS 1. Current assets	Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	$ 577,118	$ 526,790
b. Investments	1030		
c. Taxes receivable *(See worksheet, page 12)*	1080	35,922	49,489
d. Tax liens receivable *(See worksheet, page 12)*	1110		13,537
e. Accounts receivable	1150		
f. Due from other governments	1260		
g. Due from other funds	1310		
h. Other current assets	1400		
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. **TOTAL ASSETS** *(Should equal line B3)*		$ 613,040	$ 589,816
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY **1. Current liabilities** a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	$ 2,371	$ 23,800
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070		
e. Due to school districts	2075	241,591	260,027
f. Due to other funds	2080	161,883	108,125
g. Deferred revenue	2220		
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
k. **TOTAL LIABILITIES**		$ 405,845	$ 391,952
2. Fund equity a. Reserve for encumbrances *(Please detail on page 10)*	2440	$	$
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations *(Detail on page 10)*	2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes *(Please detail on page 10)*	2490	59,470	77,120
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	147,725	120,744
f. **TOTAL FUND EQUITY**		$ 207,195	$ 197,864
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY *(Should equal line A1j)*		$ 613,040	$ 589,816

TOWN CLERK REPORT
Year ending 12/31/2005

Month	Auto Registrations	Dog Licenses	Over Payment	Misc. Income	Total Collected
January	7576.40	19.50	0.00	9.00	7604.90
February	3769.00	13.00	0.00	4.00	3786.00
March	7203.96	75.50	-34.00	0.00	7245.46
April	4782.00	64.50	0.00	5.00	4851.50
May	4470.00	188.00	0.00	15.00	4673.00
June	3259.00	42.50	0.00	0.00	3301.50
July	7272.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7272.00
August	7509.00	19.50	0.00	7.50	7536.00
September	4691.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	4726.00
October	2830.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	2840.00
November	4935.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	4940.00
December	4490.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	4510.00
TOTALS	**62,787.36**	**457.50**	**-34.00**	**75.50**	**63,286.36**

Motor vehicle registrations issued: **547**
Dog licenses issued: **76**

All dogs and wolf hybrids must have a current rabies certificate on file with the town and be licensed by April 30, 2006. Per RSA 466:13, a penalty of $25 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not licensed by June 1, 2006.

Office hours: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Brick Schoolhouse.

Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk Office: 924-9250 Home: 924-3029

Robert Lambert, Deputy Office 924-9250

The above information is correct according to the best of my knowledge and beliefs.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Bushnell
Town Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

--SHARON--

01/01/2005 – 12/31/2005

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

SFN	Child's Name	Date Of Birth	Place Of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name

RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2005006030	Brian J. Solovei	Sharon, NH	Lori L. Reenstierna	Sharon, NH	Peterborough	Temple	8/27/2005

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

SFN	Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
	Betsy Dustin	2/25/2005	Venice, FL	Gaylord Hosmer	Lucille Gregory
2005002244	William Hutchinson	3/11/2005	Jaffrey, NH	Philip H. Hutchinson	Gladys Muzzey
	Mark M. Walter, Jr.	4/25/2002	Boothbay, ME	Mark Walter	Erma Betz
2005006528	Andrew Pelletier	8/26/1005	Peterborough, NH	Andrew J. Pelletier Jr.	Leona Lavoie

From the Selectmen

Proposed Town Office Building

The proposed town office building is the single most important issue to be considered by the Town in recent years. All three Selectmen have served on the Town Office Building Committee, ably chaired by Rich Dufresne. This group has worked exceptionally hard to take the questions raised at last year's Town Meeting, research potential solutions, and to provide answers that we sincerely hope will lead to voter approval of this project. The committee has:

- Developed full engineering drawings and specifications for the building. This allowed us to obtain highly accurate and reliable estimates of the costs of building.
- Researched alternative funding options that will make the process less expensive and far easier for all concerned.
- Formed a Capital Campaign Committee that is actively seeking donations toward the costs of construction. A significant amount of money has already been pledged.
- Cleared much of the land behind the Red Brick Schoolhouse where the new building is to be constructed. The logs were sold, generating funds that have been added to the Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen have developed a FY2006 Town budget that is slightly **LOWER** than the FY2005 budget, even **INCLUDING THE ANTICIPATED COSTS FOR THE NEW BUILDING**. And we have done this with great care so that needed Town services are adequately funded.

We are doing our best to let you know how important this building is for the Town.

- It is necessary in order to bring the Town into compliance with numerous state and federal laws and regulations requiring that all public meetings be held in accessible buildings. We must also provide accessible working space for offices such as the Town Clerk, etc.
- It is necessary in order to bring the Town into compliance with new voter regulations that make even the Sharon Arts Center space too small.
- And it is necessary in order to meet the standards for storage and preservation of official Town documents.

The Town Office Building Committee will make a thorough presentation of the plans for the proposed building at Town Meeting on March 14. The presentation will include anticipated costs and the funding options. Please attend the meeting. Please listen to the presentation. Please ask questions. But, in the end, we ask that you please approve this much-needed project.

Police

After some delays due to difficulties in hiring staff, the Peterborough Police Department ended up providing police services to the Town for the last six months of 2005. While we have heard comments from some residents that they have not seen the police active in the Town, rest assured that they are here! We have worked with the PPD to help with a number of issues—they have always responded quickly to our calls and have helped to resolve several very troublesome and ongoing problems.

Each quarter, we receive a very detailed report that provides information about each incident as well as statistics about citations and warnings issued for traffic violations. It is interesting reading. For example, during the period of October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, the PPD responded to a total of 24 calls (both 911 and calls directly to the PPD) and, in addition, issued 23 citations or warnings for traffic violations. Response time to calls (as recorded by the PPD's computer) averaged 5-6 minutes and never exceeded 10 minutes.

We are presenting a warrant article requesting funds to continue our contract with the Peterborough Police Department. The Selectmen are very happy with the service provided by the PPD. Prior to establishing this relationship, the Town was potentially liable for not providing for adequate protection for our residents. Our contract with the PPD is a very important service that responds to the issue of liability.

Town Storage Building (Town Shed)

Tina Rapp chaired a very active committee that researched numerous potential sites for this structure. The committee presented an exceptionally thorough report to the Selectmen in December.

After much consideration, the Selectmen have decided to take no action on the report this year. While this is an important issue, we felt we needed to focus our attention on the plans for the Town Office Building. For several years, the Town has raised and appropriated money for this project; those funds are held in a Capital Reserve Fund expressly reserved for this purpose. The project will be addressed again, just not this year.

Thank you!

Finally, we offer our sincere thanks to the many citizens who work to make Sharon the pleasant place it is. From serving on Town boards and committees to volunteering time on beautification efforts or roadside clean-up, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Newton
Chester Bowles
Don Burgess

Emergency Management Director's Report-page 1

This has been an amazing year for your Emergency Management Director. It began with the intense house fire that occurred during the October floods. What floods? We were so lucky, the rivers reached bank full, but never invaded people's homes. Pete Paris and I watched in amazement as the Gridley River flowed over the height of the road surface but got sucked under the Mill Road Bridge in an awesome vortex that staggered our imaginations. We watched for an hour, going over contingency plans for replacing the bridge. Then the water level began to drop. Just when we got to the brink of disaster (once the Mill Road Bridge went out the Cross Road Bridge would go too) the water level dropped.

For two weeks, the Sharon Emergency Operations Center (EOC, so we are up to date with the vernacular) was in full swing, checking water levels and reporting to the state on the appropriate forms. I had one form to fax twice a day and Pete had an additional form for which I had to write a mini-report as the cover page. It would rain, the rivers would rise, I would run around town, noting that the rivers were again at bank full, Pete would be closing flooded roads even if they were seldom well traveled ones, and I would be keeping the state EOC (sometimes called The Bunker) up to date with forms that had to be faxed every three hours or whenever a road was closed or re-opened.

The amazing thing was, someone was actually reading all of this paperwork. They even enjoyed my sense of humor as expressed in the forms. I guess having a sense of humor is easy when we never had damage to anything other than roads, and these were dirt roads and only two families lived on them. It turned out that the folks in The Bunker read the reports from Cheshire County to find out how bad things were out there, and read the reports from Sharon for entertainment.

There were times when I tried to be serious but events wouldn't allow for it. When the rivers were at bank full one morning, the usual email from The Bunker asked if any towns needed sand bags. I radioed Pete Paris, who was paying particular attention to Cross Road Bridge, and asked him how many sand bags he needed. This happened to be one of those moments when we thought we were loosing the battle. We thought through what it would take to unload these little back-breakers, each bag weighs 60 pounds and how each would be handled several times before they reached their goal at a river bank or bridge abutment. We came up with three hundred and fifty bags and I faxed that number back to Concord. The Bunker called back to say that the smallest order was for five hundred, but don't worry, the National Guard was loading the bags onto State of New Hampshire Highway Department trucks. I was to get a phone call from the driver when he was in the area and that we would need no help in unloading – they will take care of everything.

Now, and for the first time this week, I felt we really had an emergency (as opposed to the almost emergencies so far). How could we get enough people with strong backs and/or equipment to move five hundred sand bags off the truck and down to the rivers and bridges? Feeling overwhelmed, I was wondering if five hundred sandbags even fit on one truck. I thought maybe they would have those flatbeds with forklifts and the bags would be on pallets. I sent out a call for volunteers and was assured we'd have plenty. I faxed my concerns to The Bunker and received a rare phone call back, not to worry, the sand bags are on pallets, so forklifts can be used to load and unload. Like we have a forklift anyway!

Whenever something big happens, the same group is always on top of everything: Pete Paris, Will Fenno, George Fish, Barry Rhodes and the person who no longer has an official title, Linda Paris. Linda has been involved in every major disaster since I have been Emergency Management Director, and the certificate on the wall says I started in 1993. It had become evening, and Linda had returned home to Sharon from her job in Peterborough. It started to rain again and it was pitch black when the State of New Hampshire Highway Department driver called from route 123 around the Sharon Arts Center. I told him

Emergency Management Director's Report-page 2

how to get to my house and I would meet him at the end of my driveway. I was going to guide him to two drop off points. I quickly alerted Will and Pete to be on the ready and got in my vehicle to turn on all of my lights and pull onto Jarmany Hill Road.

Around the bend and out of the gloomy rain appeared a State of New Hampshire Highway Department Pick-up Truck. I got out of my vehicle, peering down the road for a glimpse of the flatbed truck that must be coming down the road, when he handed me a bundle of burlap bags. "The rest are in the back of the pick-up," he said, as I opened the rear gate of the van. He put another bundle in the van and said, "That makes 500. Now can you tell me how to get to Hancock?"

So what do you know? Five hundred sandbags can actually mean bags here and now; and sand when you can get around to it. I called-off all of the volunteers and eventually brought the bags over to Pete's barn. We'll get back to Pete's barn in a moment. The empty bags were symbolic. The Town of Sharon has to rely on itself in an emergency. The guidance, support and funding available on a long-term basis from the State of New Hampshire should not be confused with having their ability to get anything for you in an emergency. Maybe things will get better after the disasters in Cheshire County, to say nothing of the Gulf Coast. It was great that the government put together a private sector fundraising effort that paid wiped-out homeowners a thousand dollars two months later. But it is hardly my idea of the government stepping in when there is a disaster and having the money, know-how, and personnel to get the job done right.

Enough of my complaining--now comes the time when I have to propose how I think we can do it the right way. To begin with, we need to overhaul our town's Emergency Management Plan. The Plan is supposed be the cookbook we take off the shelf when there is an emergency, and by following its instructions it will restore safety and security. That may have been true in 1993 when I wrote it, but I'm sure it's not very helpful now. First and foremost, we now have a police force available – and that changes everything. It's good too, because the State of New Hampshire requires that our plan include a terrorism section. The new approach is so profound as to change the name of the document; it is now called our, " Emergency Operations Plan."

To create the Emergency Operations Plan we need to start with an outline provided by the state, with each section dealing with a specific aspect of an emergency. The ones that we can respond to as a town, I will write. The ones that are covered by agreements, such as with the Peterborough Police and Fire Departments, will have the agreements as part of the plan. There are twelve separate sections of the plan that need to be signed off by the agency involved. It requires that the body of the plan, as well as the section involved, be taken to them for review. This is excellent for interagency communications and codifying working agreements. It is also time consuming and expensive. The sample plan provided by the state is 180 pages. To have fifteen copies made only cost $90. The problem is getting the master copy made.

It is difficult to estimate how long it will take to produce this plan. The good news is that most of the design, layout, and some of the typing has already been done in the state's template. The bad news is that if I estimate 80 hours @ $25/hour the cost to the town is $2000. If I add the Internet connection @ $65/month that is $780/year, I have greatly exceeded the usual $500 in my budget. Times being what they are, I don't think I'll ever get back to a $500 budget but the $2,000 is clearly a one-time cost. It is vital that we do this now, so we know what to do, and exactly what we can count on from outside sources.

Finally, we need to find a way to house some sand and salt in Sharon. If you were to listen to the police and fire departments responding to car crashes due to ice – you'd think so too.

ROAD AGENT REPORT 2005

2005 REVIEW

- March — Logging operation caused road damage on Mountain Road. With the monitoring of the project, seeing the amount of damage created by the equipment and trucking, it was decided to implement RSA 236:38-39, for damages which would have been costly for the town to repair. The town received $2,000 for the damages which helped with the cost of the repair work.

- April — Attended FEMA briefing for winter storm related funding available to towns for January and March incidents. The town received $791.70 for the January storm and $1,319.84 for the March storm.

- August — The Selectmen agreed with the posting of a 9 ton weight limit, permits required, on Spring Hill and Mill Roads because of heavy truck usage resulting in substantial damage to the road and shoulders.

- November — Attended FEMA briefing with Emergency Management Director for Federal assistance funding for heavy rain storm occurrence October 7th thru the 18th. Met with FEMA inspector regarding cost of funding for reimbursement, also inspected Cross Road, Swamp Road and Mountain Road for additional funding. Eligible funding was $9,888.00 which was received, of which $7,330.00 is to be used on the repair of these gravel roads within 18 months or it must be returned to FEMA.

As your Road Agent for the Town of Sharon, my primary responsibility is to maintain our road system to the best of my ability. I feel it is important to be thinking ahead and preparing for the future, because of potential growth in Sharon and the constant growth of the surrounding towns. Every year, more and more vehicles are traveling our road system.

Even though there is no warrant article on the bridge fund this year, I feel it is important to clarify how the State funding for bridge replacement works. The town can apply for the funding which would be 80% of the bridge replacement cost, and the town would have to supplement 20% plus engineering costs. It takes up to 2-3 years to receive any type of bridge funding from the State once the town's name is on the State listing. The purpose of this article was to have the funds available when we need it and the money would also be available for bridge repairs and preventative maintenance. In the fall 2005, we did repairs on the base walls and other necessary work on Cross and Spring Hill Road bridges, and repaired the bases that support the guard rails on Mill Road bridge. These repairs were needed because of erosion and deterioration, and will help lengthen the life expectancy of the bridges. The money was available through the passing of the bridge warrant article which I feel needs to be continued. The following is a summary of when our bridges were built:

Town maintained bridges:

Mill Road Bridge over the Gridley built in 1920
Spring Hill Road Bridge over the Gridley built in 1927
Cross Road Bridge over Town Line Brook built in 1938
Swamp Road Bridge over the Gridley built originally in 1938 & reconstructed in 1991
McCoy Road Bridge over Town Line Brook built in 1948

Department of Transportation maintained bridges:

Jarmany Hill Road Bridge over Town Line Brook built in 1970
Route 124 Bridge over the Gridley built in 1974
Route 123 Bridge over the Gridley built in 1996

In writing this report, 4 years have past since the initial passing in 2001, Article 9, to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of building a Town Highway Department storage building, ***on lands currently owned or purchased by the town***. The location of such a facility in town, ***not in another town***, would provide for timely and cost-effective availability of road treatment materials, and would provide a source for residents to get sand as needed during the winter season like most towns. One main reason for this storage building, as I have explained on several occasions, is to have prompt availability to treat our roads during unsafe conditions. We have the responsibility as a town to make our roads safe for transporting our students, our residents and driving public. There is also a need of a place to store our highway signs, barriers, cones, culverts etc.

This season 2006, there were 5 incidences that occurred and prompted the Peterborough Police Department to call me during late hours of the night and early morning, requesting immediate sanding/treating some of our roads due to slippery conditions, which can occur in a short period of time. Several times our source, mainly the Peterborough Highway Department, was closed and adjacent sand lots also not available. The Peterborough Police Department recommended closing roads, with all sources not available, leaving me to sand sections by hand (using buckets), so the closing would not happen. We don't want to close our roads to our citizens or to emergency vehicles.

I can't stress enough the importance of the town having its own storage building. As the years pass, so does the cost increase. Some residents express a concern of salt usage. For every 10 yards of sand, there would only be 1 yard of salt to prevent ice build up on our roads and help with the melting process during cold weather. You can't spread straight sand due to the moisture content when it freezes during extreme cold weather. Sharon, as you know, is unique; we are not like other towns and the State using straight salt. Other DPW directors, road agents and the State highway department can use 750 to 1,000 lbs. of salt per mile depending on conditions and type of storm. Sharon would only use 10% salt mixed with sand. (It is also what we can afford in the present budget, as salt is very expensive per ton.)

Being a resident of Sharon for 20 years and road agent for 10, I've tried to do what is suitable for our town. I would like to see the town stay on a footpath of moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Paris
Road Agent

TOWN OF SHARON WINTER ROAD POLICY
(Revised 2005)

A written policy is essential to receive the full benefit of the liability protection found in RSA 231:92-a.

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season. The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon during the winter are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line and Mill Road. State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transportation of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt. Therefore, our roads, depending on conditions, may be ice and snow covered for a period of time. The town will do its best to remove as much as possible from road surfaces by means of a grader or other equipment.

Per order of the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:11, the town has adopted a Winter Parking Ordinance which states that:

> No person shall park any vehicle upon any Town highway at any time of the day between November 15th and April 1st. Violation of this ordinance shall be deemed to be the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle.
>
> Each date during or on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be considered a separate offense. The penalty for each violation shall be $25.00. Unlawfully parked vehicles may be towed and stored at the expense of the registered owner.
>
> If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control methods, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.

Per RSA 231:93, no duty is imposed on the town for the maintenance of private roads, drives, businesses or parking areas.

Roads to summer cottages are maintained during the summer only, as RSA 231:79-81 exempts the municipality from duties of winter maintenance.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent. Four inches of a "cold" snow provides better traction than two inches of wet snow on a frozen road surface.

After plowing, roads will be sanded and salted if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe. It should be noted that salt melts snow and ice much more slowly at temperatures below 25 degrees and extremely slowly at 20 degrees; at 10 degrees its effectiveness ceases, and icy conditions will prevail until the temperature rises.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths increase and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

The town has one part-time Road Agent who engages the services of contractors to carry out its winter maintenance operations.

For communication the town is equipped with radios and its own frequency enabling operators to communicate amongst themselves, the Emergency Management Director and a Selectman.

Emergency situations that arise during a snow event may result in the diversion of equipment at the request of a police or fire officer, emergency management director or an incident commander, from a planned snow removal route, to respond to a motor vehicle accident, fire or a medical emergency. (RSA 154:7)

The town is not held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way (RSA 231:92-a). The right-of-way (ROW) is often 50' wide, and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most cases, the ROW extends 10 to 20 feet from the edge of the paved or graveled road. Homeowners often cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes, erect fences or stone walls in these areas, which improves the appearance of the street greatly, but is obstructive to good roadway maintenance.

In the event of personal property damage, the Town of Sharon will only be responsible to repair or replace damaged property having been in actual contact with the snow removal equipment that is on private property and not within the public right-of-way.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRVs are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted. **It is unlawful to:**

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate on **town roads** or sidewalks unless posted for OHRVs
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRVs
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and/or pedestrians.

TO ALL A SAFE WINTER

SHARON PLANNING BOARD

2005 Report

This was a busy year for the Planning Board. Subdivision applications were efficiently processed and the Board worked diligently to promote the Sharon Master Plan through update and creation of pertinent zoning ordinances. To that end we are proud to present an External Lighting Ordinance for town vote.

The proposed Ordinance is intended to provide adequate and appropriate outdoor lighting regulation complimenting the character of the town.

ARTICLE XIX: External Lighting

A. Purpose and Intent

Good outdoor lighting at night benefits everyone. To recognize that inappropriate and poorly designed or installed lighting causes unsafe and unpleasant conditions, limits residents' ability to enjoy the nighttime sky, contributes to sky glow, and detracts from the rural character of the Town of Sharon; the following regulations are established.

B. Regulations

All public and private lighting installed in the Town of Sharon shall be in conformance with the requirements established by this ordinance.

1. Control of Glare - Luminaire Design Factors

   a. Any luminaire with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of more than 900 lumens, shall not emit any light above the horizontal plane through the lowest direct - light - emitting part of the luminaire nor shall they produce disability glare or horizontal luminance.

   b. Any luminaire with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of more than 900 lumens shall be mounted at a height equal to or less than the value 3 + (D/3), where D is the distance in feet to the nearest property boundary. The maximum height of a luminaire may not exceed twenty-five (25) feet.

2. For the purpose of these regulations, the mounting height of a luminaire shall be defined as the vertical distance from the bulb to the ground directly below.

3. No luminaire shall be directed or focused such as to cause the shining or reflectance of light produced by a luminaire beyond the boundaries of the property on which it is located. Light trespass is prohibited.

4. Lighting of streets or parking areas shall use full cut off fixtures. The lamps shall be High Pressure Sodium (HPS) not greater than 50 watts, or equivalent. Such fixtures shall not produce disability glare, nor direct or indirect light that causes light trespass.

5. Seasonal (3 month) holiday lighting using multiple low wattage bulbs during the months of November, December, and January will be exempt from the provisions of this section, provided that such lighting does not create dangerous glare on adjacent streets or properties.

6. Temporary lighting and emergency lighting needed by the police or fire departments or other emergency services, as well as all vehicular luminaires, shall be exempt from the requirements of this article.

7. Law governing conflicts: Where any provision of federal, state, county, or town statutes, codes, or laws conflicts with any provision of this code, the most restrictive shall govern unless otherwise regulated by law.

C. Prohibitions

1. Laser source light. The use of laser source light or any similar high intensity light for outdoor advertising or entertainment purposes, such that the light is projected off site, is prohibited.

2. Searchlights. The operation of searchlights for other than public safety purposes is prohibited.

3. Internal or external illumination of outdoor signs is prohibited.

4. Up lighting is prohibited.

D. Effective Date and Grandfathering of Nonconforming Luminaires

1. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the voters of the Town of Sharon at an annual or special Town Meeting and shall supersede and replace all previous ordinances pertaining to outdoor lighting.

2. All luminaires lawfully in place prior to date of the Ordinance shall be grandfathered. However, any luminaire that replaces a grandfathered luminaire, or any grandfathered luminaire that is moved, must meet the standards of this Ordinance.

3. Grandfathered luminaires that direct light toward streets or parking lots that cause disability glare to motorists or cyclists shall be either shielded or re-directed within 90 days of notification.

E. Violations, Legal Actions, and Penalties

1. If the board of Selectmen determines that any provision of this Ordinance is being violated, it may institute such proceedings as it deems appropriate including the issuance of cease and desist orders pursuant to RSA 676:17-a and the issuance of citations for the commission of violations pursuant to RSA 676:17-b; provided, however, notice of such violation shall be given by hand delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner and/ or to the occupant of such premised, demanding that such violation be abated by the owner and/ or occupant at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of such proceedings.

2. Penalties: A violation of this Ordinance, or any provision thereof, shall be punishable by a civil penalty of fifty dollars ($50), and each day of violation after the expiration of the thirty-day period provided in Paragraph 1 shall constitute a separate offense for the purpose of calculating the civil penalty.

F. Definitions:
For the purposes of this ordinance, terms used shall be defined as follows:

1. **Disability glare** is caused by stray light within the eyes, producing a veiling luminance upon the retinal image of an object to be seen, resulting in reduced object visibility.

2. **Foot-candle.** A unit of measure for luminance. A unit of luminance on a surface that is everywhere one foot from a uniform point source of light of one candle and equal to one lumen per square foot.

3. **Full cut off fixture.** A luminaire that by design of the housing does not allow any light dispersion or direct glare to shine at a vertical angle of 90 degrees above vertical axis or nadir.

4. **Horizontal luminance.** The measurement of brightness from a light source, measured in foot-candles or lumens, which is taken through a light meter's sensor at a horizontal position.

5. **Light trespass.** Light from an artificial light source that is intruding into an area where it is not wanted or does not belong.

6. **Lumen.** (A unit of luminous flux.) One foot-candle is one lumen per square foot. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the lumen-output value shall be the initial lumen output rating of a lamp.

7. **Luminaire.** A complete lighting unit consisting of a lamp or lamps and ballasting (when applicable) together with the parts designed to distribute the light, to position and protect the lamps, and to connect the lamps to the power supply.

8. **Up lighting.** Any light source that distributes illumination above a vertical angle of 90 degrees above vertical axis or nadir.

The Planning Board also found time to draft potential ordinances pertaining to steep slopes, natural vegetation buffer zone within the building set-back, and impact fee assessment. We look forward to bringing these to completion during the year 2006.

During this year the Planning Board experienced a change in membership. Bob Greenwood stepped down from the Board to attend to growing business responsibilities. Bob Boyd left our group and moved to a new home in Peterborough. Their contributions to our town and Planning Board are much appreciated and they will be missed. Mark Fernald consented to give us time from his busy schedule and joined the Board. Will Fenno also joined us and his experience in town government will be a great asset to our deliberations.

On behalf of the Planning Board I would like to thank all who contributed of their time to work towards improving and preserving the quality of Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Como, Chairman

Planning Board members for 2006 are as follows:

Mary Ellen Bushnell
Mitch Call
Ron Como
Will Fenno
Mark Fernald

SHARON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2005 Members

Liz LaRose (Chair), Cheryl Cahill, Ken Callahan, Selinda Chiquoine, Karen DeBonis, Don Hart, John MacEachran.

2005 Activities

Land Protection

Currently working with Richard Dugdale of Jarmany Hill Road to place a conservation easement on his property. Out of his 150 acre parcel, Mr. Duglade is **donating** an easement of 145 acres and setting 5 acres aside for his homestead. The property abuts the town forest on three sides and includes an active tree farm. In addition, there are open fields and wetlands created by former beaver dams. The Monadnock Conservancy will hold the easement and we hope to have the formal easement in place in 2006. Approximately $6,000-$8,000 from Sharon's Conservation Fund* will be used to offset Mr. Dudgale's costs such as title searches, surveys, deed registrations and legal fees.

Worked with the Planning Board and another landowner during the subdivision process to offer advice on wetlands setbacks and information on easements as requested by the landowner.

Landowners in Sharon interested in learning more about easements are welcome to contact any member of the commission or attend a meeting. Requests are kept confidential and there is never an obligation or pressure to place an easement on property.

Town Forest

The final year of logging on the 3-year logging project of white pine in the Town Forest is scheduled to be finished this winter. New tree growth in the two former logging areas is already coming up and many signs of moose, bear, porcupine, deer and other wildlife were observed.

Flagged some trails in the Town Forest for better visibility and began researching best practices used by large land trusts (such as Forest Society, Nature Conservancy etc.) to deter motorized vehicles.

Water/Water Quality/Wetlands

Conducted water quality testing on the Gridley River, for the fifth year in a row. This work was performed through the NH Volunteer River Assessment Program. At key points throughout the summer members of the Conservation Commission collected water samples at four sites on the Gridley River. Copies of the official DES report on our water quality will be published by the DES in the upcoming months. Please feel free to contact the Conservation Commission for a photocopy.

Conservation of "Place" & Sharon Culture

Coordinated Earth Day Town Clean Up with a focus on Route 124. On the short two mile stretch of Turnpike Road that crosses through Sharon, 14 volunteers filled over 90 bags of trash and pulled numerous tires and other large pieces of junk to the side of the road for pickup. Thanks go out to everyone who came out on a blustery Saturday morning to help and to everyone who picked up trash on their streets.

Other

Worked with the Town Shed committee and provided recommendations to the committee from a conservation perspective.

Attended The Dollars and Sense of Saving Special Places seminar hosted by the Greenfield Cons Com and run by Dijit Taylor of the Forest Society.

Membership

We have said "goodbye" to three members of the commission this year. After 16 years of service, Gina Goff resigned in July. She has been a strong advocate of conservation and a wonderful board member. Ian Coles resigned in July also due to work and family obligations. We are grateful for his service. Long-time member Selinda Chiquoine resigned at the end of the year due to a busy work schedule. In addition to being an advocate of conservation, Selinda was also responsible for beautifying our town with beautiful gardens at the schoolhouse and at several of the town lines. A big thanks to Gina, Selinda and Ian – you will all be sorely missed!

We welcomed new members John MacEachran and Cheryl Cahill who both bring their personal experiences and interest in land protection to our commission.

Issues and Projects in 2006

Land Protection

Action: Educate and encourage Sharon landowners to permanently conserve their land via conservation easements or donations to land protection organizations.
Action: Monitor and support the Quabbin to Cardigan (Q-to-C) greenway project currently spearheaded by SPNHF and 20 partners including Audubon, the Nature Conservancy and the Monadnock Conservancy.

Town Forest

Action: Maintain and re-mark hiking trails; create new trails if time.

Water/Water Quality/Wetlands

Action: Establish process for monitoring timber cuts to ensure proper wetland crossings.

Water/Water Quality/Wetlands

Action: Conduct the sixth year of water quality monitoring of the Gridley River.
Action: Continue to learn about aquifer and surface water protection.

Conservation of "Place" & Sharon Culture

Action: Coordinate the 2006 Earth Day Town Cleanup, planned for Saturday, April 29. Rain Date: Saturday, May 6. This year, we will coordinate a group to clean up Route 123. Please sign up to help at Town Meeting.

Action: Maintain heirloom perennial garden around the brick schoolhouse. Plant more bulbs at the Sharon markers on town lines.

* The Conservation Fund was established by citizen vote in 1994 for land acquisition and/or offsetting costs of land conservation. The fund receives 100% of the revenues collected via current use change tax. In 2005, a grant from the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation added $25,000 to the Conservation Fund.

The Sharon Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Schoolhouse. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

More information about conservation issues and activities are on the Town of Sharon Web Site: www.sharonnh.org

Report of the Fire Warden, Town of Sharon, 2005

During the past year there were no wild fires in Sharon. This was because of the excellent cooperation of residents of town who burned only when conditions were safe, and who checked with one of the three fire wardens for permits when required. We thank you for your cooperation.

A reminder of the **rules for open burning** in Sharon:

All outdoor fires require a burn permit. The only exception is when it is actually raining (a steady soaking rain), or there is significant snow cover. Even then, please check with a fire warden to be sure that these conditions are met. We will report to Mutual Aid that a permitted fire is occurring in town.

The burning of residential trash is prohibited by the State of New Hampshire. No burn barrels are permitted. "New Hampshire law (RSA 125-N) prohibits the residential open burning of combustible domestic waste, effective January 1, 2003".

Outdoor cooking fires are allowed without a permit if they are contained off of the ground, such as in a backyard grill. Open cooking fires on the ground require a permit.

Permits for seasonal campfires are available. These apply only to specific locations, which must be inspected by a fire warden. These permits are automatically void when fire conditions are dangerous.

All outdoor fires, without exception, must be extinguished. No outdoor fire may be left unattended at any time. Means of controlling and extinguishing the fire must be readily available. You are liable for the cost of extinguishing any fire which spreads and for any damage the fire causes. Please be careful.

There is no charge for a permit. Call any of the three fire wardens at any time for a permit. If conditions, weather and location are deemed safe, a permit will be issued. If you are not sure of the local conditions or rules, call one of us for information.

Ken Callahan	Peter Paris	Francis Guptill
Fire Warden	Deputy Fire Warden	Deputy Fire Warden
924 3726	924 4078	924 3013

Monadnock Family Services
C E N S U S R E P O R T
07/01/04 - 06/30/05
SHARON

AGE:	Adults	5	
	Children	2	
	Elderly	1	
GENDER:	Female	5	
	Male	3	
INSURANCE:	Self-Pay	2	
	Medicare	1	
	Medicaid	1	
	Other	4	
TOTALS:	Clients Seen	8	
	# Visits	55	
	Hours of Service	47	
BILLING:	Charges		4,463.50
	Payments		3,265.78-
	Discounts Given		173.40-
	Contractual Adjustments		649.02-
	Uncollectable		375.30-
	Total Outstanding		.00

DIAGNOSIS:

1	Disorders of Infancy/Childhood/Adol
1	Substance-Related Disorders
2	Mood Disorders
4	Adjustment Disorders

REFERRAL SOURCES:

2	Self
1	Other Psychiatric Facility
1	Law Enforcement/Correction
1	Social/Community Agency
1	Non-Psychiatric Physician
1	Other
1	Unknown

HCS-HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
REPORT TO THE TOWN OF SHARON
2005

ANNUAL REPORT

In 2005, HCS-Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Sharon. The following information represents HCS's activities in Sharon over the past twelve months.

SERVICE REPORT

SERVICES OFFERED	SERVICES PROVIDED
Nursing	3 Visits
Physical Therapy	9 Visits
Occupational Therapy	5 Visits

Prenatal and well child care, hospice services and regularly scheduled wellness clinics are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 2005 with all funding sources is $2,355.00.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2006, we request an appropriation of $518.00 to continue home care services for Sharon residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

TOWN OF SHARON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 15, 2005

Moderator: Hampton Howard
Selectmen: Chester Bowles, Carl Newton, Will Fenno
Minutes: Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk
Location: Sharon Arts Center, Route 123, Sharon, N.H.

Moderator Howard called the meeting, postponed from March 8, 2005 due to snow, to order at 7:38 p.m. Moderator Howard explained the meeting procedure, with special instructions for Article 1.

Moderator Howard reported the results of the March 8, 2005 School District voting as follows:

School Article:	# of Yes votes	# of No votes
#1	47	20
#2	58	6
#3	40	27
#4	42	25
#5	39	27
#6	38	29
#7	48	19
#8	44	22

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to $600,000 for the construction and equipping of a municipal building; all of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the selectmen to take any other action on or to pass any other vote relative thereto? The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 1 by Chester Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.

Discussion: Following introductory comments by members of the Building Committee, there were many questions and points of view expressed.

Motion to amend Article 1 by Barry Rhodes, seconded by Mark Fernald as follows: to reduce the amount of the proposed bond to $500,000.

After discussion of the amendment, the motion was called.

Results of voting on the amendment were 21 votes for, 33 opposed. The amendment did not pass.

Discussion on the original article resumed and was finally called.

Voting was done by secret ballot, resulting in 28 votes for, 32 votes opposed. Article 1 did not pass.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Results of the March 8, 2005 voting were as follows:

Selectman, 2 years:	Donald Burgess	64
Selectman, 3 years:	Chester Bowles	60
Treasurer, 1 year:	Heather Smith	63
Town Clerk, 1 year:	Mary Ellen Bushnell	62
Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 years:	Elizabeth MacEachran	64
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years:	John MacEachran	63

Write in votes as follows:

Selectman, 2 years: Liz LaRose, 1
Selectman, 3 years: Harry Dermody, 1; Luke Matson, 1
Treasurer, 1 year: Luke Matson, 1
Town Clerk, 1 year: Linda Paris, 2; Luke Matson, 1
Supervisor of the checklist, 6 years: Luke Matson, 1
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years: Luke Matson, 1

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	$1,500 per year
Selectmen's Assistant	$15 per hour
Town Clerk	$2,500 per year plus fees and $10 per hour for elections
Deputy Town Clerk	$600 per year
Collector of Taxes	$2,500 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes	$600 per year
Treasurer	$1,500 per year
Trustee of Trust Funds	$50 per year
Moderator	$40 per session
Deputy Moderator	$10 per hour
Supervisors of the Checklist	$10 per hour
Fire Warden	$100 per year
Building Site Inspector	$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	$500 per year

Motion to move Article 3 by Carl Newton, seconded by Will Fenno.

All in favor, Article 3 passes.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive	16,000
4140	Election and Registration	8,000
4150	Financial Administration	20,000
4153	Legal Expenses	4,000
4191	Planning and Zoning	4,000
4194	General Government Building	2,400
4195	Cemeteries	1,500
4196	Insurance	1,500
4220	Fire and Rescue	30,069
4240	Building Site Inspection	300
4290	Emergency Management	750
4300	Highways	59,000
4316	Street Lighting	275
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	25,000
4411	Health Administration	200
4414	Animal Control	100
4441	Welfare	3,000
4550	Library	4,800
4619	Conservation Commission	845
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	300

Motion to move Article 4 by Will Fenno, seconded by Chester Bowles

All in favor, Article 4 passes

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $518 for Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 5 by Chester Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.

All in favor, Article 5 passes.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $460 for Monadnock Family Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 6 by Chester Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.

All in favor, Article 6 passes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for Monadnock Area Transitional Shelter, Account 4441, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 7 by Chester Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.

All in favor, Article 7 passes.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,950 for appraisal services including general assessing, data verification and statistical update, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 8 by Will Fenno, seconded by Chester Bowles.

All in favor, Article 8 passes.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote (1) to authorize the establishment of a capital reserve fund pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35 for the future revaluation of the Town; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,400 to be placed in this fund; and (3) to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund; or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 9 by Will Fenno, seconded by Chester Bowles.

All in favor, Article 9 passes.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,362 to resurface, upgrade and repair Temple Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 10 by Carl Newton, seconded by Will Fenno.

All in favor, Article 10 passes.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in placed in the Town Bridge Fund, Account 4913.2 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 11 by Carl Newton, seconded by Will Fenno.

Following discussion, vote was taken by a show of hands resulting in 21 for, 18 opposed.

Article 11 passes.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund 4913.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 12 by Carl Newton, seconded by Will Fenno.

Following discussion, vote was taken by a show of hands resulting in 22 for, 20 opposed.

Article 12 passes.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Department Storage Building Fund 4913.4 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 13 by Will Fenno, seconded by Chester Bowles.

Following discussion, vote was taken by a show of hands resulting in 25 for, 16 opposed.

Article 13 passes.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,863 to be paid to the Town of Peterborough for providing Police Emergency Services for the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 14 by Chester Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.

Following discussion, vote was taken by a show of hands resulting in 30 for, 8 opposed.

Article 14 passes

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a trust fund under the provisions of RSA 289:9 to be known as the Cemetery Common Trust Fund for the purpose of improvement, watering or embellishment of the cemeteries, or for the care, preservation or embellishment of the lots or their appurtenances; and (2) to name the cemetery trustees as agents to expend the income from this fund; or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

Motion to move Article 15 by Will Fenno, seconded by Chester Bowles.

All in favor, Article 15 passes.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town based on assessed value as authorized by RSA 72:39-b, for qualified taxpayers per RSA 72:39-a, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years	$20,000
For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years	$30,000
For a person 80 years of age or older	$40,000

or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to move Article 16 by Carl Newton, seconded by Will Fenno.

All in favor, Article 16 passes.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 to be placed in the Town Office Building Fund, Account 4913.1 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article if Article 1 fails to pass.

Motion to move Article 17 by Chester Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.

Motion to amend proposed amount to $10,000 by Ron Como, seconded by Joyce Como.

Voting on amendment was taken by a show of hands resulting in 12 for, 25 opposed. Amendment did not pass.

Voting on original Article 17 taken by a show of hands resulting in 24 for, 13 opposed.

Article 17 passes.

ARTICLE 18. To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

1. Will Fenno paid tribute to Pearl Stevens, town treasurer for 34 years, who passed away in 2004, and remembered Bill Hutchinson, who passed away the previous week. Lori Groleau, neighbor of the Stevens family, added words of appreciation for both Pearl and Lester Stevens.
2. Chester Bowles thanked Will Fenno for his contributions as selectman, and for standing down from that position to assume the more arduous duties of selectmen's assistant.
3. Liz LaRose, chair of the Conservation Commission, invited anyone interested to participate in Earth Day on April 23, 2005, by helping to clean up the Sharon section of Route 124.
4. Mark Fernald asked if there were a Town Forest Advisory Committee. There has not been one for several years.
5. Barry Rhodes, Emergency Management Director, reported that with a grant from Homeland Security funds he has acquired Road Thunder, mobile audio equipment for civil defense, which combines a PA system with a repertoire of other warning noises.

Motion to adjourn by Kenton Young, seconded by Mark Fernald. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk

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